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SINGAPORE STOPS CHINA-DESTINED MACHINE PARTS:
THAILAND, BANS IMPORTS OF PARTS FROM BORDER COUNTRIES

Singapore customs authorities intercepted 46 cases of merchandise, worth 400,000 Straits dollars, which were being smuggled to Hong Kong on the Meng-ai-wang [Chinese approximation of foreign name of vessel] for transshipment to Communist China. The merchandise consisted of items urgently needed in Communist China such as spark plugs, automobile brakes, electrical appliances, and other machine parts.

Meanwhile, Thai police are investigating a report that hundreds of cars were smuggled into Thailand during the past few months. To prevent businessmen from evading automobile import restrictions by importing automobiles labeled as automobile parts, the Thai government has barred the import of automobile parts from Burma and Indochina. This resulted in the freezing of 3 million baht's worth of the commodities along the Thai-Burma border. It is reported that some businessmen in Thailand hope to go to Singapore to buy automobile parts and have already petitioned the British consul for visas.

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